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ASH GROVE CEMENT WEST, INC.

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June 5, 1986

Barbara Smith
State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Ms. Smith:

Ash Grove Cement West maintains a State Waste Discharge Permit issued by the State of Washington Department of Ecology. The permit number is 5162. The permit covers the discharge to ground water and the Duwamish River of truck rinse water and cooling water via on-site seepage of a containment pond.

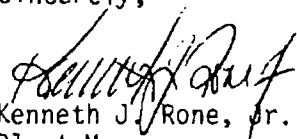
Years of particulate settling and filter cake action have partially sealed the pond thereby reducing flow to a fraction of the permitted 214,000 gallons per day discharge.

Ash Grove proposes to excavate and dispose of these sediments (to a licensed upland site) to restore the pond to its permitted capacity. Anticipated date of the excavation is August 1, 1986. During the excavation, the water which would otherwise flow into the pond will be diverted into an adjacent containment area. The volume of effluent will be unchanged, nor will the mode of treatment be changed in any way. There will be no adverse impact to the receiving waters. Effluent limitations will be met at all times.

Preparation for the excavation (pumping down of the pond to the adjacent pond) will commence prior to the start of dredging. The dredging itself will take five working days.

We respectfully seek the written authority of the State of Washington, Department of Ecology to proceed with this needed maintenance to our water treatment facility. Your prompt reply will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,


Kenneth J. Rone, Jr.
Plant Manager



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